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[Boston, MA], 1885 – 1915

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31 Milk Street,
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Boston, Mass.
Jan. 24, 1885.

Wm. Poillon, Esq., Secretary
Am. Numismatic & Archaeological Soc.
Washington Square N.Y.

Dear Sir,

The notice of my election as a corresponding member of your Society confers an honor which will be appreciated by

Yours very truly,

C. J. H. Woodbury.

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Jan 24th 1885

ELLERY C. LIBBEY'S CURIOSITY SHOP

Perhaps the Largest Private Collection of Ancient and Modern Coins.

ROMAN COPPER AS WEIGHING 12 OUNCES

Has "Widow's Mite"—Spectacles Made by Hand and Old Relics Galore.

Ellery C. Libbey, 147 Lincoln avenue, Saugus, has what is probably the largest private collection of ancient and modern coins in Essex county, if not in the whole state. Mr. Libbey is a discerning numismatist, and when not sure about any coin that has come into his possession, he has subjected it to the examination of well known experts such as Howland Wood of Brookline, the best expert in Oriental coins in the country; the late William S. Appleton of Boston, H. E. Morey of Boston, the late Dr. George F. Heath of Munroe, Mich.; B. G. Greene of Chicago and other equally well qualified experts.

He has also the greatest number of old newspapers dating back to 1737, some from England and a great number of old almanacs dating back to 1713. In this almanack, spelled this way, the days are spelled dayes. In this the rate of postage is given and the time of leaving and arrival of the stage from Portland to Boston, going through Lynn. All stopping places are given and the names of innkeepers.

He has a large number of Indian relics. over 400 Indian axes, tomahawks, knives, spearheads, arrow heads, etc. In fact two large rooms in his house look like a veritable Old Curiosity Shop, about the only modern articles in the rooms being three large safes, in which he keeps his valuable coins. Many of the Indian relics were found in Saugus Centre, East Saugus, North Saugus and Lynnhurst and many came from Vermont, Maine, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Dakota and other states.

Of the

Old Colonial Money

he has a Massachusetts silver pine tree shilling, very rare, 1652; oak tree silver money, 1652; six pence, and other coins, 1662. The dies for this money were made on the banks of the Saugus river, near Scott's mills. Colonial copper money, Vermont cents, 1785 to 1786; Massachusetts state coinage, copper cents, 1787, 1788, cents and half cents; Louisiana cent, 1767; Virginia half cent, 1773; Kentucky half cent; Florida 1-24 real, 1685, Baltimore; Connecticut cents, 1785 to 1788; New Jersey and New York cents and many others are in his collection.

Among his ancient Roman copper coins is a "Roman As," 385 years B. C. The coin is very large. The Greeks had been circulating their money freely for three centuries, and so the Romans got busy and issued these pieces. The money was of bronze, and, after a while, it took so much to coin the ases it was liable to impoverish the government, so the size was reduced The first coin was a pound, and was reduced at various times to 9½ ounces, then to 7½ ounces, then to 4 ounces, then to 2 and the last mentioned coins, the "assarius" or dimished As was one ounce.

His ancient Greek coins date back to 721 years before Christ, and he has quite a number of these. Among them are the following: Chios 600 B. C.; Eion, 500 B. C.; Eprius, 238 B. C.; Folla, 200 B. C.; Parium, 300 B. C.; Poseidonia, 480 B. C.; Scione, 480 B. C. and many others. He has also a biblical coin, "The Widow's Mite."

His collection of Roman Copper coins is so large it would take too much space to enumerate them all. He has a complete history of each coin, the name of the emperor under whose reign it was coined, the date of the emperor's birth and death, and the number of years he reigned.

Among his ancient

Coins of England

are those of Eaured A. D. 808, Edgar 959, Aethebred 978, Edward the Confessor, 1042, all pennies; also pennies of William the Conqueror, 1066, Henry I, 1100, Henry II, 1154, Richard 1, 1189, Henry III, 1216, Edward I, II and III, some of the coins being half pennies, farthings and groats.

His English coins run down through all the line of England's kings, Henry V, Richard III, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Elizabeth, Charles I, James II, George II, George III, William IV, and down to Victoria and Edward VII. These coins are all in fine condition.

His coins of Scotland are in a fine state of preservation, and include pennies and groats from 1165 to 1514, under the reigns of William I, Alexander II, Alexander III, John Baliol, Robert II, James I, James III and James IV. He has a few coins of Ireland, Henry III, Edward I, Edward IV and George III. His collection also include coins of the West India islands, Bahama, Barbadoes, Bermudas, British Guinea, French Guinea, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Guernsey, Jersey, Spain, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Russia, Turkey, Greene, Malta, Africa, Egypt, Congo Free States, St. Helena, Japan, China, Ceylon, and in fact every place on the globe.

One Dollar for First Week's Work.

Mr. Libbey has 85 different war tokens, mementoes of the Civil War, and about 70 of the hard times tokens of 1834-41. Also old broken bank bills from 1808 to 1865, of Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut and other states. On the back of one of these bills, on the Central Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., is written the following: "This one dollar was paid to our son, William H. Cox by Thomas N. Dole & Co., 17 Warren street, N. Y. for one week's service, May 24, 1862, this being his first earned." Probably if William H. Cox is still living he would like to get hold of this bill. He has over 400 of the Confederate bills and all of the styles of fractional currency issued by the U. S. government during the war. He has a fine collection of the old Continental currency issued by the Continental congress. Mr. Libbey has Delaware bills printed by Benjamin Franklin, June 1, 1759, $10, $15 and $20 bills. He has one shilling bills January 1, 1776. May 1, 1777, bills for 4, 5, 10 and 20 shillings. Of Maryland money he has several of the issue that was authorized March 1, 1770, bills for one-ninth, two-ninths, one-sixth, one-third one-half and two-thirds of a dollar, also 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 dollars. He has a square bill of Connecticut for five shillings of date October 10, 1771. Massachusetts and Massachusetts Bay, New Jersey and New York Colonial bills are in his collection. North Carolina bills of the usual denominations and several Pennsylvania bills that are very rare. He has one set of eight pieces, a complete set, October 1, 1773, with the arms of William Penn. Other pieces with the arms of the Penn family and many with the arms of Great Britain. Rhode Island bills are found in his collection and many Virginia bills. On the reverse of these is printed "Death to Counterfiters." These bills are mostly in good condition.

Of Extinct Coinage.

He has a full and complete set of the large copper U. S. cents 1773 to 1857, inclusive, there being none coined in 1815, but he has the other sixty-four cents. The cent of 17[illegible] 1804 and 1799 are very rare and bring large prices. He has one cent that he has refused $50 for. He has also a large number of the U. S. copper half cents. He has two full sets of two cent pieces, some of which are very rare. U. S. silver three cent pieces from 1851 to 1873, none of which are in circulation today. He has a great variety of the silver coins of the United States, in fact about all that were coined and some of which are extremely rare.

Mr. Libbey is continually adding to his collection, which is already one of great value.

His collection is not comprised wholly

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of money. He has a piece of a silk dress that came over in the Mayflower; also pieces from two of the dresses of Mrs. Col. John Allen, 1767. These are framed and came from one of the oldest houses in Suffolk County. He has a collection of 180 society badges, consisting of Knights of Pythias, Red Men, Golden Eagles, Sons of Veterans and other societies and a large collection of minerals from all over the United States, and some from South America. He possesses a collection of over 11,000 postage stamps from nearly every country of the globe and many rare specimens of ancient Chinese cutlery. Here are two Chinese knives of iron 275 years before Christ. These were dug up a year ago at Port Arthur. They are 5¼ inches long all metal, and the blade is thicker than the handle.

His antique articles of by-gone days include a spinning wheel, flax wheel, swifts, reels, a round table over 200 years old, bellows, andirons, a pair of glasses, made by hand from window glass, over 200 years old; tin lanterns, a quart cider pitcher, 115 years old; square earthern platter, 14 by 20 inches, and various kinds of old dishes. He also has a lot of relics of the civil war.

Bumped by Automobile.

Alfred White, eight years old, of 30 Morris street, was crossing Houghton square, Tuesday night, when he was struck and knocked down by the mudguard of an automobile, which bore the registration number 6900. His head was bumped against the pavement, but he was not hurt.

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TELEPHONE MAIN 1576-2

Sept. 2, 1910.

Bowman Lowe Belden, Esq., Sec'y & Director,
The American Numismatic Society,
156th St. West of Broadway, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Several years ago I presented to the society, a proof copy in bronze of The Association medal of this Association, which is struck in silver and which I designed. This medal is awarded each year to the one who has made the most marked contribution to the welfare of cotton manufacturing during the year, the award being made by a committee of cotton manufacturers from various parts of the country.

The original name of The Association,-The New England Association of Cotton Manufacturers,- has been changed to that of The National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and this required new dies which have been made, and I am sending you with compliments, a bronze proof of the new medal. I had the honor to receive this medal last April for the Bibliography of the Cotton Manufacture, and if you consider that such a book would not be foreign to your library, I will take great pleasure in presenting a copy because it is the custom of other organizations that members should present to the libraries a copy of any book which they may have written.

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The enclosed clipping may be of interest to you. I am not acquainted with Mr. Ellery C. Libby, but as I reside in Lynn, which adjoins Saugus, I will take pleasure in making specific inquiries if you desire that the question of donating his collection, possibly by bequest, should be brought to his attention.

Yours very truly,

C. J. H. Woodbury,
Corresponding Member.

September 12, 1910.

Mr. C. J. H. Woodbury,
45 Milk Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 2d came duly to hand, also the bronze medal of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, which we are very glad to be able to add to our collection.

These should have been acknowledged sooner had not the convention of the American Numismatic Association, which lasted all of last week, been held in our building, and as a consequence our work here was at a standstill.

I note what you say regarding your Bibliography of the Cotton Manufacture, and thank you very much for your offer to place a copy in our library, but as our library is limited in space, we have been compelled to exclude from it every thing that has no bearing on numismatics.

I have read the clipping, regarding Mr. Libby's collection, with much interest, there is probably very little chance that he would donate his numismatic collection to this Society, of course it would be a good thing if he could be induced to take any interest in the Society, whether he should give us any thing or not.

Thanking you very much for the interest that you have shown in our work, and hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you here in the near future, I am, believe me,

Most cordially yours,

Director.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COTTON MANUFACTURERS

SUCCESSOR TO

NEW ENGLAND COTTON MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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BOSTON, MASS.

C. J. H. WOODBURY
SECRETARY AND TREASURER
P. O. BOX 3672

April 29, 1914.

Bauman Lowe Belden, Esq., Secy.,

American Numismatic Society,

Broadway at 106th St., New York City.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the promise of my letter of April 6 I enclose an item for your bulletin.

Yours very truly,

C. J. H. Woodbury,

Secretary.

The National Association of Cotton Manufacturers has for many years awarded a silver medal each year to the one who has made the greatest contribution to cotton manufacturing during the year.

The award of this medal is determined by a Committee of cotton manufacturers selected from various parts of this country, the members this year being Stuart W. Cramer, Charlotte, N. C., Chairman; F. G. Daniels, Montreal, Canada; Grosvenor Ely, Jewett City, Conn.; George P. Grant, Jr., Fitchburg, Mass.; Charles T. Main, Boston, Mass., and Frank W. Reynolds, Boston, Mass.

This year they have awarded the medal to Arthur Tisdale Bradlee, Chestnut Hill, Mass., for investigations upon the Effects of Moisture in Testing Cotton Yarns and Fabrics.

This medal was designed by the Secretary of the Association, Dr. C. J. H. Woodbury, who is a corresponding member of the American Numismatic Society which has in its collection a proof piece in bronze of the medal.

45 Milk Street, Boston, Mass.,

June 11, 1915.

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I was very much interested in an article in Sunday's Sun of New York on Four Good Luck Coins that are Highly Valued by Soldiers of Europe and send you the clipping.

Yours very truly,

B. F. H. Woodbury,

Corresponding Member.

June 12th, 1915.

C. J. H. Woodbury, Esq.,

45 Milk Street,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept my thanks for your letter of June 11th enclosing a clipping regarding four good luck coins that are highly valued by soldiers in Europe. I had not seen this article, and it is certainly most interesting.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COTTON MANUFACTURERS
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C. J. H. WOODBURY
SECRETARY AND TREASURER
P. O. BOX 3672

July 19, 1915.

To the Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose to you a photograph of the Association medal of this organization and also a bit of descriptive text pertaining to it, and also to the Student's medals which are awarded every year.

Yours very truly,

C. J. H. Woodbury

Corresponding Member.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COTTON MANUFACTURERS
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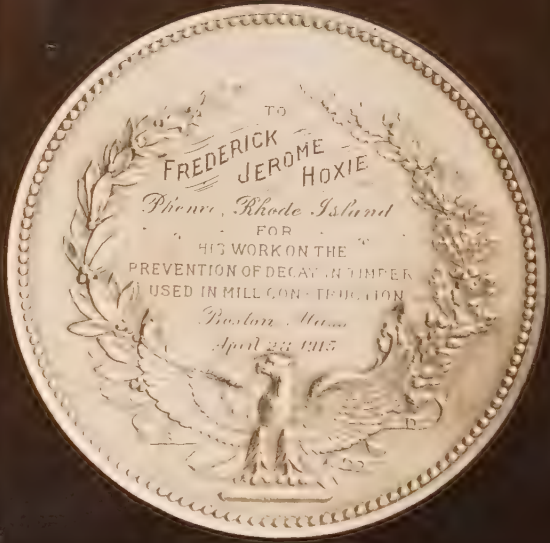
TO
FREDERICK
JEROME
HOXIE
Phenix, Rhode Island
FOR
HIS WORK ON THE
PREVENTION OF DECAY IN TIMBER
USED IN MILL CONSTRUCTION
Boston, Mass.
April 23, 1915

The National Association of Cotton Manufacturers awards two medals each year, the Association medal being of silver and containing on one side a representation of a power loom at the date of its organization in 1854, flanked on one side by a wreath of Sea Island cotton and on the other side by a wreath of American Upland cotton, and outside of the name of the Association, a succession of hanks of yarn, make a border.

On the obverse of the medal is the wreath of laurel on one side, and of oak on the other, ~~with~~ being united by the American Eagle with outstretched wings at the bottom.

This is awarded once a year to the person who, in the judgment of a committee of cotton manufacturers from different states, has accomplished the most for the betterment of the cotton manufacture during the year, the recipient this year being Frederick Jerome Hoxie of Phenix, R. I., for his work on the Prevention of Decay in Timber Used in Mill Construction.

This Association also gives similar medals of bronze to the students in the graduating classes of textile schools which have a course reaching certain technical standards and to the student having the highest excellence, the recipients this year being John Frederick Abbott, Taunton, Mass., a graduate of the Bradford Durfee Textile School, May 26, 1915; Benjamin Waldstein, Boston, Mass., a graduate

of the New Bedford Textile School, June 17, 1915; Whiteford Ingersoll Smith, Asheville, N. C., a graduate of the Textile Department, North Carolina College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, May 25, 1915.

August 9, 1915.

Mr. C. J. H. Woodbury

45 Milk Street,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept my thanks for the newspaper clipping which you so kindly sent and which came to hand this morning.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

August 26th, 1915.

Mr. C. H. J. Woodbury,

45 Milk Street,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Woodbury:-

Your letter of July 19th together with photograph of the medal of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers was received while I was on my vacation, hence the delay in sending an acknowledgment.

I desire to thank you on behalf of the Society for the photograph of this very interesting medal, and the very full discription.

Most cordially yours,

Secretary.